

Serial No. **09/853,668**
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-50, and 69-72 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 13-14, and 31-33 are amended, claims 51-52, 55-56, 59-63, 65, and 67-68 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the multiple telephone conferences. Independent claims 1, 13-14, and 31-33 have been amended as discussed. Accordingly, claims 1, 13-14, and 31-33 should be in condition for allowance, along with claims 2-12, 15-30, 34-50, and 69-72, which depend respectively therefrom.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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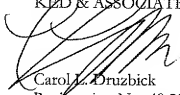
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concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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